

GW Thankful for Lambert In Tie With Wakefield

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It's a good thing Bill Blair, George Washington High School's new coach, talked Ronnie Lambert into playing football this season, or the Presidents might not have been able to avert defeat in last night's opener against Wakefield.

Lambert caught four of the five passes GW completed, three of them during a third quarter touchdown drive which earned the Presidents a 13-13 tie in a non-league Group 1-A game at Wakefield.

Blair coached the junior varsity basketball team last year at GW. When he took over as varsity football coach, he recalled Lambert's potential and encouraged the 170-pound junior to try out for the grid team.

Lambert's Defense Sharp

Lambert also was a standout on defense last night, helping GW stop Wakefield cold in the second half after the Warriors had threatened to run away with the game in the first half.

Wakefield scored the first two times it had the ball and was stopped at the GW 11-yard line the third time it handled the ball.

Quarterback Bruce Thacker spearheaded a 51-yard drive in 14 plays for Wakefield's first touchdown. Thacker reeled off a 14-yard run to GW's 16, then scored from the one.

The Warriors went 67 yards in only six plays for the second touchdown. Thacker hit Jimmy Smith with a 39-yard pass for a first down on the GW 14. Halfback Jim Trice got the touchdown on a four-yard run.

George Washington got on the scoreboard in the second quarter when Charlie Hall, a defensive halfback, picked up a fumbled handoff and raced 29 yards for a touchdown.

Mier Goes Over

In the third quarter GW's Gary Mier recovered a Wakefield fumble on the Warriors' 40-yard line. Ronnie Barnett, the Presidents' quarterback, then hooked up with Lambert for the three passes for 23 yards before Mier scored from the two.

Lambert's other reception was good for 16 yards, giving him 39 yards on four catches. Bert David caught the only other completion for GW, a seven-yarder from Barnett.



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Bill Marseglia of Wakefield is dragged down just short of the goal line by George Washington's Gary Mier and Robert Hicks in the first quarter of last night's game at Wakefield. Randy Benarick (70) of GW moves in on the play. The game ended in a 13-13 tie.